GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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FAKE CRAFTSMEN
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the genuine artisan and craftsmen under various handloom and handicrafts schemes are not being benefited and fake craftsmen are getting the advantages;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to identify the bonafide/genuine craftsmen in order to provide them assistance; and

(d) the details of the institutions/craftsmen provided assistance during each of the last three years, State and Union Territory-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The steps taken for artisans is registration of artisans at field and regional level after due authentication of their craft skill and issuance of photo identity cards to the artisans. For the handloom weavers, the assistance is provided to the Primary Societies/Apex Societies which has weavers as its members and the registration of these societies is done by the Registrar of Cooperative Societies of the respective States/UTs.

(d) Assistance released to various states by the Handloom and Handicrafts Sector is at Annexures I and II respectively.